

Sunday

February 17, 2019



Mass Intentions

Monday, 2/18

7:00 a.m. Audrey Nagy by
Mary Lou Chingery

Tuesday, 2/19

7:00 a.m. Carole T. Macrina by
her cousins

Wednesday, 2/20

7:00 a.m. Anna Fitzgerald by
Catholic Daughters Court
Regina Coeli #940

Thursday, 2/21

7:00 a.m. John Maier by Marion &
Joseph England

Friday, 2/22

7:00 a.m. Henry Janssen by
Nancy Tortorell

Saturday, 2/23

5:00 p.m. Julia DiQuollo by Nina

Sunday, 2/24

8:30 a.m. Catherine V. Smith by
Carol Sheenan

10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. John's &
Anne Balzo Cook by Linda
Schleinn

*This week our Sanctuary lamp is lit in memory of
Robert Snyder by Donna Maher.*

Sacrificial Offerings 2019

Sunday, February 10

Regular Collection: \$7,317.99

Children's: \$ 16.00

Poor Box Collection

Monies collected in the poor boxes located in the Church entryway are used for the needy in our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. **Please be as generous as your means allow.**

Support The Catholic Spirit During National Catholic Press Month

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, The Catholic Spirit, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of The Catholic Spirit and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper – it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

President's Day Office/Mass Schedule

The Parish office will be closed on President's Day, **Monday 2/18**. Mass on that day will take place at **7:00 a.m.** in the **chapel**.

This week our Chapel candle is lit in honor of Kathryn Kelly by Sue Kelly.

St. John Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry for those less fortunate is in need of the following food products: Dry pasta, cereals, tomato sauce, canned soups, canned meats, canned fruit and juice. Please note that all foods that are donated to St. John's will be brought to the FISH Food Pantry located on New Market Rd., Piscataway. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

Social Concerns

Do you know a needy person or family? Could one of your neighbors benefit from assistance with food and/or other essentials? Please call the Pastoral Center, 732-968-2621, in confidence, and we will do whatever we can to help. Please continue to bring men's toiletries, tooth brushes, and large and medium thongs or slippers for the Ozanam Men's Shelter. Articles may be left in the vestibule. Thanks for not forgetting the "guys"

Time, Talent and Treasure



Fostering stewardship is a way of life. Everyone benefits from the sacrificial gift one makes of his/her time, talent and treasure. We gratefully acknowledge and salute:

The Casino Night Committee

Thank you for your participation!



Casino Night a Success!

Thank you to all of the donors, sponsors, and participants for the Seventh Annual Casino Night! The event was a success and raised funds for facility improvements. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.



Come Join The St. John's Music Ministry!

The St. John's Music Ministry invites singers of all levels of experience to join our Choir in preparing for the upcoming Holy Week Liturgies. Regular rehearsals will be held in the church on **Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00 pm** beginning on **2/26**. Please enter the church using the First Street entrance. We look forward to you joining us as we make joyful noise to the Lord!

Altar Prayer Group Luncheon

St. John's Altar Prayer Group will have a luncheon on **Monday, 3/4 at 12:00 noon**. The rosary will be prayed in the church and lunch will follow in the auditorium. Please bring a sandwich. The dessert and coffee will be provided. You are encouraged to bring a friend.

Donate On The Parish Website

Did you know you can now donate to St. John's directly on the parish website, stjohnsdunellen.org? Just click on the "donate" link and fill out the form. All donations will be anonymous. If you wish to be acknowledged, you can contact the parish secretary. Consider this quick and easy method to make your donation today!



Prayers for Our Service Members

Please pray for the following parishioners who are currently serving in the Military:

U.S. Navy Lt. Michael Bartilotti
U.S. Army Pvt. Luke Harshaney
U.S. Army Pvt. Raymond C. Pizzigoni
U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Ed Sella
U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Paul Frabizzio
U.S. Marine Mer. Cpl. Thomas Tyler Lizak
U.S. Army Pfc. Sean Parente
U.S. Marine Pvt. Dante Parente
U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Casey Wenzel
U.S. Army Recruit Timothy Francisco
US Marine Pvt. Stephen Wright
U.S. Marine Pvt. José Citron

If there are any other military members you would like to be included in our prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

An invitation to the Men of the Parish

We often take for granted the gifts that God has given us. A retreat helps us to realize more deeply how blessed we really are. A retreat allows us to step out of our busy world, slow down and reflect on God's presence in our lives. You are invited to a Men's Retreat at **Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown** from **3/8-3/10**. **The retreat begins with supper at 7:00 pm on Friday and concludes on Sunday at 12:30 pm**. For more information or to register, call Tony Pugliesi, 908-419-8392.

Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer

UPCOMING PROGRAMS: Registration required; call 908-753-2091 or e-mail: msmhope@msmhope.org

THROUGH THE EYES OF WOMEN: A Lenten Journey

Join us for this six-week women's program based on the book Walk in Her Sandals by Kelly Wahlgquist as a prayerful and creative way to enter into the seasons of Lent, Easter and Pentecost. Sessions are held on **Wednesdays, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3 and 4/10** from **9:30-11:30 am** and on **Saturday, 5/11** from **9:30-12 noon**. The cost for all sessions is \$120-\$180, as you are able. The book will be available for purchase prior to the first session.

FOOTSTEPS IN THE GARDEN: A Women's Retreat

Do you ever wonder what God is doing and has done in your life, even without your help? In the book of Isaiah, God says, "You will be like a watered garden" (58:11-12). The blooms in the garden take root in silence. Although the garden needs tending and harvesting, often in our busyness, we miss the beauty that comes on its own and the footsteps of the One who scatters seeds of hope. Come and spend time in the garden of your life on **Friday, 4/12** from **6:45-9:30 pm** and **Saturday, 4/13** from **10:00 am to 5:00 pm**. The retreat cost is \$100 for overnight guests and \$75 for commuters.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE
SUNDAY READINGS

"Paint, Sip & Gogh"

at Holy Savior Academy

Holy Savior Academy is having a painting fundraiser called "Paint, Sip & Gogh" on **Friday, 2/22** from **7-9 pm**. Enjoy an evening of fun and creativity while painting a beautiful picture with the guidance of an artist! Admission is \$40 per person and all materials will be provided. Bring a smock, apron, or oversized shirt, and feel free to bring your own snacks, beverages, cups, and plates. Free parking, and please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start time. Please write a check payable to Holy Savior Academy and mail the check to Holy Savior Academy (149 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080) with your name, email address, and number of guests. Please reach out to Melodie at hsapainting@gmail.com if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing you!

Caregiver Retreat

The Caregiver Ministry of **St. Joseph's Church, 34 Yorktown Road, Hillsborough** is having its semi-annual retreat for all Caregivers, entitled "I Just Can't Do This Anymore...Finding the Blessings in Caregiving", on **Saturday, 3/9**. If you are a Caregiver for a spouse, child, parent, friend, or patient, this retreat is for you! Fr. Hank Hilton will begin the morning by sharing his caregiving journey. Hospice nurses will then present on how to care for yourself while managing the demands of caregiving. The morning will begin with **Mass at 8:30am** (optional), followed by the **retreat program, beginning in the Parish Hall at 9am**. The morning ends with a free **buffet lunch at 11:30 am**. For additional information / registration, contact Carol Jorgensen at (908)369-7143 or carolj623@comcast.net.

HIS WORD TODAY by *Rev. William J. Reilly*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.... 'And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said...'"

We are so familiar with the Sermon on the Mount, and the beatitudes of St. Matthew. They summarize the entire message of Jesus and provide the pattern for a healthy examination of conscience.

Today we meet St. Luke's teaching, the Sermon on the Plain, addressed to the disciples and to us. Instead of eight positive directives, we are given four, and then four warnings to help us move from the now to the promised reward. How helpful for us to fix our eyes on what the Lord has in store for us, to make us less complacent, eager to 'rejoice and leap for joy on that day!'

We know well the obstacles, barriers and challenges of the Christian life. St. Ignatius asks us to discern both the positive and negative to help us make good decisions.

